



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5799

by Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-120 new

Amends the School Code. Requires a statewide athletic association governing interscholastic competition for public schools to conduct an equity impact review if the statewide athletic association has established or changed within one year before the effective date of the amendatory Act or on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act a policy that: (1) reduces the opportunities in a girls' sport without making an equivalent reduction in a comparable boys' sport; (2) causes the length of the regular sports season or the length of the full sports season to differ by more than one week for comparable sports offered to both sexes; or (3) causes the nature and extent of interscholastic sports offered by the statewide athletic association to not accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes to a comparable degree. Sets forth the timeline for which an equity impact review must be conducted. Establishes the requirements for the equity impact review. Requires the statewide athletic association to make the equity impact review available to the public and allow for a public comment period of not less than 30 days before any changes are finalized. Requires the statewide athletic association to submit each equity impact review to the State Board of Education. Allows the State Board to issue nonbinding findings regarding whether the reduction or discrepancy in program comparability complies with gender equity and student opportunity principles. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-120 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-120 new)

7 Sec. 22-120. Interscholastic competition equity impact  
8 review.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Length of the full sports season" means the period  
11 between the first day of practice and the last day of the State  
12 championship.

13 "Length of the regular sports season" means the period  
14 between the first day that an interscholastic competition may  
15 be held and the last day before the State series competition  
16 begins.

17 (b) A statewide athletic association governing  
18 interscholastic competition for public schools must conduct an  
19 equity impact review if the statewide athletic association has  
20 established or changed within one year before the effective  
21 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly or on  
22 or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th  
23 General Assembly a policy that:

1           (1) reduces the opportunities in a girls' sport  
2           without making an equivalent reduction in a comparable  
3           boys' sport;

4           (2) causes the length of the regular sports season or  
5           the length of the full sports season to differ by more than  
6           one week for comparable sports offered to both sexes; or

7           (3) causes the nature and extent of interscholastic  
8           sports offered by the statewide athletic association to  
9           not accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes  
10          to a comparable degree.

11          (c) Factors to be considered in assessing program  
12          comparability shall include, but are not limited to:

13           (1) the selection of sports offered;

14           (2) the levels of competition within sports;

15           (3) the length of the regular sports season;

16           (4) the length of the full sports season;

17           (5) the scheduling of athletic opportunities  
18          throughout the calendar year;

19           (6) the scheduling of practices and games during prime  
20          time;

21           (7) the use of facilities for practice and  
22          competition;

23           (8) the ratio of coaches to athletes;

24           (9) the quality of coaching and officiating, including  
25          credentials, experience, and compensation;

26           (10) the assignment and compensation of coaches and

1 officials;

2 (11) the supplies and equipment;

3 (12) the allowances for travel and per diem;

4 (13) the medical and training services;

5 (14) the publicity for teams and individual  
6 participants; and

7 (15) the overall distribution of athletic budget  
8 funds.

9 (d) A statewide athletic association governing  
10 interscholastic competition for public schools must conduct  
11 the equity impact review described in subsection (b):

12 (1) by July 1, 2027, if the policy was established or  
13 changed during the year immediately preceding the  
14 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
15 Assembly; or

16 (2) within 90 days of the policy being established or  
17 changed, if the policy is established or changed on or  
18 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
19 104th General Assembly.

20 (e) The equity impact review shall include, but shall not  
21 be limited to:

22 (1) a comparison with the comparable boys sport;

23 (2) a justification for the proposed reduction or  
24 discrepancy in program comparability;

25 (3) any health, safety, scheduling, facility,  
26 officiating, or administrative data supporting the

1       reduction or discrepancy in program comparability;

2           (4) the expected impact of the reduction or  
3       discrepancy in program comparability on student  
4       participation, lower-level teams, schools, coaches, and  
5       families; and

6           (5) a review of whether the change disproportionately  
7       reduces or limits opportunities for female  
8       student-athletes, particularly in terms of competition and  
9       recruitment.

10       (f) The statewide athletic association shall make the  
11       equity impact review available to the public and allow for a  
12       public comment period of not less than 30 days before any  
13       changes are finalized.

14       (g) The statewide athletic association shall submit each  
15       equity impact review to the State Board. The State Board may  
16       issue nonbinding findings regarding whether the reduction or  
17       discrepancy in program comparability complies with gender  
18       equity and student opportunity principles based on 23 Ill.  
19       Adm. Code 200.80 and 34 CFR 106.41.

20       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21       becoming law.